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TAGS: PFOR, CH, US

SUBJECT: PNG OF CHINESE DIPLOMAT IN CANADA

REF: PEKING 827

FOR BUSH FROM HABIB

1. WE RECOGNIZE YOUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. WE HAVE SENT YOU OTTAWA'S 1591 REPORTING THAT CANADIAN OFFICIAL PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THAT PRC PRESS ATTACHE HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE AN FBI REPORT INDICATING POSSIBLE LINKAGE OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WITH THIS CASE.

2. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THERE IS NO GRAND JURY ACTION AT PRESENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

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MAY WISH PROSECUTE THE AMERICAN CITIZEN FOR VIOLATION

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, BUT THE PRC CONNECTION MAY NOT SURFACE DURING THE TRIAL. WE ARE ASKING CUSTOMS TO KEEP US INFORMED.

3. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL IS INVESTIGATING LEAD THAT CANADIAN GOVT. ACTION WAS BASED ON

INFO PROVIDED BY USG, SO IT IS POSSIBLE STORY ALONG THOSE LINES MAY APPEAR.

4. BY ASKING FOR DEPARTURE OF PRC PRESS ATTACHE, CANADA WILL OBVIOUSLY TAKE BRUNT OF ANY PRC RETALIATION, AND ON BASIS PRESENT INFO WE DOUBT THAT MATTER WILL DEVELOP IN WAY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO PRC RETALIATION AGAINST USLO. WE WILL, OF COURSE, DO OUR BEST TO MINIMIZE ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON US-PRC RELATIONS.

5. IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH CANADIANS PLEASE URGE THAT THEY STICK TO OTTAWA'S PUBLIC LINE AND DO NOTHING TO FEED SPECULATION. WE PARTICULARLY HOPE U.S. ANGLE WILL NOT BE PLAYED UP, BUT LEAVE TO YOU HOW BEST TO GET THIS POINT ACROSS. KISSINGER

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